

**Mayor and City Council Update**  
**October 9, 2020**

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Administration  
**CC:** Department Heads

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***Library***

**Personnel:** Interviews are underway to replace the part-time Library Aide in Adult Services.

**Library Circulation:** Despite the closure in early September due to the air conditioning issues, circulation of materials was very strong. The library checked out over 20,000 items in September, combining both print and digital resources.

**Jobseeker Resources:** The CobbWorks Mobile Career Center returned to Smyrna Library in September to help customers with job searches and writing resumes. They have made four visits so far.

***Department of Environmental Services (KSB)***

**Recycling Center:**

The Recycling Center is open regular hours Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Hours are: Closed Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 8:00am to 4:00pm. Thursdays 10:00am to 6:00pm.

**Jonquil Bulbs:**

The Jonquil bulbs have arrived and on sale for \$20.00 a bag of 50. Bulbs can be purchased at the Smyrna Recycling Center. We have sold over 60 bags in just a 1 ½ weeks.

**Hefty Energy Bag:**

The Hefty Energy Bag is here! The residents have embraced the program and we have given out over 300 starter kits to date.

**Bulky Trash Amnesty Day:**

Bulky Trash Amnesty Day was Saturday, from 8:00am until 4:00pm at the Public Works Facility. The event went well with right around 300 cars disposing of materials.

**Shred Fest:**

This Saturday, October 10, is SHRED FEST! Everyone is invited to bring up to 5 copy paper sized boxes of documents to be shredded. The event will be at the Church Street Park/Aline Wolfe Adult Recreation Center from 9:00am to Noon. The event is rain or shine.

## **Cleanups:**

2021 KAB Year Stats (since July 1, 2020):

- Number of Trash Bags Picked Up: 84
- Pounds of Litter Picked Up: 1046
- Storm Drains Marked: 148
- Stream Monitoring's: 12
- Community Cleanups: 7

## **Conferences:**

Janet attended the Virtual Georgia Recycling Coalition Conference on Tuesday and Wednesday. The conference was good with the best information coming from GRC in the form of a new Recycling Campaign - #RecycleRightGeorgia – Let's Sort This Out. It will launch on November 11.

## ***Parks & Recreation***

Parks staff that has been previously certified to manage and erect the cities portable event stage will pull it out from storage to perform a refresher course and deep cleaning. Although, during this pandemic, events that utilize the stage aren't occurring, our folks still need to complete annual safety checks, cleaning and full assemble and breakdown to retain their certifications. Hopefully the status of events will change in the coming months and we can once again put the stage to good use.

Irrigation upgrades have begun at the lower ballfields within Brinkley Park. This is part of our 5 athletic complexes to be upgraded. These upgrades include new master valves, flow sensors, and a new clock computer that connects to the network via 4G which allows us to not only program irrigation remotely, but to monitor and receive alerts in the event that something goes wrong. These upgrades also allow us to utilize less water and to track the total amounts used.

Staff have also been busy setting up and managing permits around the parks. During these times, many people have taken to the parks to conduct meetings and business gatherings as a safer alternative to the traditional indoor meetings.

Daily ballfield work continues, mowing of the turf grass, as well as making small fixes on the normal wear and tear items throughout the parks system.

Tree work is scheduled at Cobb Park (Bank St side) to address a few large pines with deadwood in them that are over and near the playground systems.

Staff has been out repairing and replacing some swings and other park playground parts that have been nearing the end of their useful and safe lives.

Programs staff began stuffing bags for our "Drive Thru Trick or Treat". We have already stuffed close to 3000 bags with candy and trinkets and have thousands more to go. The event will be contactless with costume characters lining the sidewalk around the Village Green traffic circle. Participants will be encouraged to decorate their cars and drive around the circle, enjoying the characters and getting candy too! Everyone is encouraged to bring their families on Friday, October 16 from 7:30 – 9:00 pm. Smyrna First United Methodist is assisting us with volunteers and sponsors to help make this event spectacular for the community.

The Wolfe Center and Therapy Pool is currently open Monday – Thursday from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm. Members are calling in to reserve slots for water walking, lap swimming, fitness center and exercise classes. Since reopening on July 6, we have had a total of 4,503 visits, with a daily average of 84 members. We will be extending our hours mid-October. We will open to members on Fridays between the hours of 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Beginning October 21, Programs will offer a Wednesday Learn and Play Camp, from 9a – 2p. Since Cobb County Schools will not be in session on Wednesdays, we are going to use this opportunity to introduce the community to our camp program. During Learn and Play there will be time for participants to do homework as well as organized indoor and outdoor activities.

We continue to have participants in our outdoor exercise classes. The current schedule is:

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| a. 20-Twenty-20                      | Monday-Wednesday-Friday |
| b. Core de Force & Cardio Kickboxing | Monday                  |
| c. Zumba                             | Tuesday and Saturday    |
| d. Vinyasa Flow Yoga                 | Wednesday               |

We are currently holding Tae Kwon Do classes and yoga classes at the Community Center.

Smyrna Dancers hosted a free introduction to dance classes outside on the green space beside the community center on September 12. They had 30+ dancers attend the two sessions. They will be doing another one October 17. They are also beginning to plan a dance class schedule for a January 2021 return to the Smyrna Community Center.

Many thanks to the Public Works Department for completing the requested sidewalk extension/connection in the Taylor-Brawner Park. The sidewalk will hopefully stop park patrons from walking in the street at the front of the 3182 entrance. This is a dangerous practice with so many cars entering and leaving the area.



The Community Center is being set up for Advanced Voting, which begins Monday, October 12 at 7:00 am. Voting will take place in the small gym.

Several pieces of fitness equipment were moved to another room in the center, so that fitness participants will not be interrupted during voting.

Patrons call in to the community center front desk to reserve spots to work out, play ping pong and enjoy racquetball, for 45 minute sessions, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 6:00 pm. Staff is diligent about cleaning and disinfecting so that our guests stay healthy while in the facility.

## ***Public Works***

### **Public Works Building and Grounds Division:**

Building and Grounds Supervisor, Bill Warren received the National Safety Council Advanced Safety Practitioner Certificate. With this certification, he will oversee critical safety skills for CDL, forklift operators, and flagger training for city employees.

### **Public Works Water/Sewer Division:**

Started yearly valve insertion for isolation valves on Hillside at Bank Street, Bank Street at Stone Creek, and Bank Street at Parkwood Road. Isolation valves allow the department to shut down the water in certain areas to do repairs without effecting as many residents in the area. Project 60% complete. Project will be completed when asphalt repairs are made.

Water main replacement project with Croy Engineering designs to replace the water lines in the Highland Subdivision along with San Fernando Drive and San Fernando Place for future plans is to be replace older AC lines with ductile iron pipe to cut down on water main breaks in those areas. This is part of Capital Improvement Projects. Large Project utility meeting was held by Public Works to have all utilities located in the design areas. This is the first phase of the project to be completed by October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Water/sewer yearly sewer sonar testing in Ward 5 the project runs acoustic waves through our sewer pipes to determine if flow is being impeded from build up or debris. The project is 40% complete.

**Public Works Street Division:** currently maintaining right of ways and asphalt repairs, repairs to storm drains that will also be CIPP which consist of Banks St at South Cobb, 2905 Lavista Place and 380 Mockingbird Lane, point repairs to the pipes scheduled this week in these areas must be made before pipe lining can begin. Currently, cleaning up trash and debris at Mount Zion Cemetery on Hawthorn Avenue.

**Public Works Annual Paving:** Public Works held pre-con meeting with Bartow paving with discussions of the notice to proceed will be October 15, 2020. Project anticipated to take no more than 15 calendar days to be completed mid-November weather permitting.

**Public Works Whitfield Storm Drain Project:** Public Works and contractor have met in the field to make field changes to engineered drawings. Properties have been notified along with property lines being staked out for the project. Project is to be taken place at 1465,1468 Whitfield and adjacent properties. This will include ditches being reworked and lined with cobble stone, concrete storm pipes are being installed this week at outlet side of project, along with tree removal to form ditches. Project 98% complete. Roadway opened 10/2/20. Contractor putting finishing touches on project, scheduled to be completed mid-October.

**Public Works Windy Hill Road Water Sewer Modifications:** Contractor RDJE has installed new sewer line in Windy Hill Road on South Side of the project moving towards South Cobb Drive completed. Installation of sewer line is in the process of being installed from Beaver Creek to San Fernando. Water line installation 97% completed, the bore for Windy Hill to tie on to South Cobb is underway this week to complete the water main installation. RDJE has started CCTV of sanitary sewer to start the CIPP (Cured in Place Pipe) part of the Windy Hill Blvd project.

#### **SPLOST**

**Windy Hill Boulevard:** Baldwin is still installing storm pipe. The next progress meeting

will be held 10/13/2020. Baldwin has been cutting down sub grade for temporary and permanent road to be installed from San Fernando to Beaver Creek to divert traffic from main roadway during construction. Paving of the temporary and permanent road is started on 10/5/20. The temporary road and parts of the permanent road are to be done and opened the first week in November to move traffic from existing roadway to temporary and permanent roadway so the culvert and bridge construction can continue. Baldwins traffic light contractor is going to start this week installing conduit and wiring for the new temporary traffic lights. Baldwin has made a request to close Old Spring Road at Windy Hill for improvements for the Windy Hill Blvd Passed by Mayor and council. Work at closure on Old Spring is scheduled to start 10/9/2020 and expected to continue through 10/26/20.

Church Street roadway improvements: Phase 1 complete with water main, water services and water meter installed. Street Division is under way with installing new sidewalk between the newly installed ADA ramps along with moving curbing and gutter for landscaped islands to be installed. Phase 3 will begin with milling, paving and stripping of the roadway, Bartow Paving will mill and pave roadway during the resurfacing project to cut down on mobilization cost. Phase 4 will be installations of speed tables.

### ***Police Department***

<b>Total number of arrests:</b>	28
<b>Total number of citations issued:</b>	276
<b>Total number of citation warnings issued:</b>	120
<b>Total number of calls for service:</b>	1017

We would like to congratulate Officers **Robert Pfeiffer**, **Taylor Elliott**, and **Jake Prough** for being nominated for meritorious service by the Cobb Chamber of Commerce at their Public Safety Appreciation Luncheon on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

We also wish to congratulate Fire Battalion **Chief Steve Westbrook** on his nomination and award by the Chamber of Commerce. Well deserved.



## Fire Department

### Incidents

Fire-0

Medical-54

Other-43

Total-97

*3rd Quarter Golden Axe Recipient!*

FIREFIGHTER TRAVIS ROCKWELL

*Congratulations!*

On 8/26 while out on a wreck scene at E. W. /Cooper Lake Road, Firefighter Rockwell was called to the other side of the intersection by a mother stating that her 3yo daughter who was not breathing. FF Rockwell went to investigate and the mother removed a 3yo F. from car seat and handed her to FF. Rockwell. Child was not breathing at this time. FF Rockwell delivered 3 back blows and child began to vomit and began breathing. With no further signs of distress. FF Rockwell checked O2 sat 99% Lung sounds were clear child was alert oriented with no further signs of distress. Mother stated that child was just released from Cobb hospital for a peanut allergy and as she was driving home she noticed the child stop breathing as she approached the wreck scene. I believe FF Rockwell's quick action stopped a possible fatal scenario from happening



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Congratulations to both of our 2020 Cobb Chamber Public Safety Award Honorees:  
Battalion Chief Westbrook and Engineer Knechtel (pictured with their wives from the event)



## Community Development

		Permits	
Type	#	Estimated Cost of Construction	Location
Building New/Residential	5	\$1,223,985	5-Pruitt Walk
Building New/Commercial	1	\$4,944,000	1-6300 Highlands Pkwy (Highlands Distribution Center)
Building Remodel/Residential	12	\$168,371	6-Interior 3-Re-roof 3-Addition
Building Remodel/Commercial	1	\$30,000	1-Remodel-5292 Oakdale Rd (Alexander Grooming)
Electrical	3	-	-
Plumbing	2	-	-
HVAC	5	-	-
Signs	4	-	1-Face Change-3120 S Cobb Dr (1911 Handcrafted Biscuits & Burgers) 3-Wall Sign-3150 Highlands Pkwy (The Patio Social Club), 1810 Spring Rd (Davinci's Pizza: 2x)
Grading	1	\$533,000	1-Commercial-6300 Highlands Pkwy (Highlands Distribution Center)
Cell Tower Modification	1	\$12,000	1-591 Pat Mell Rd
Total	35	\$6,911,356	

### WEEKLY INSPECTIONS

Type	Number	# of Sites
All	260	117

### NEW BUSINESSES

Name	Location	Home/Commercial	Description
OLIVE EYECARE INC	2241 AUSTIN LAKE DR SE	H	OPTOMETRIST
ORGANIZE AND THRIVE LLC	3288 MILLWOOD TRL	H	MISCELLANEOUS
ORTHOPAEDICS OF ATLANTA, PC	4485 S COBB DR SE, STE 100	C	PHYSICIANS
YB CONSULTANTS, LLC	3305 HIDDEN TRAIL RD SE	H	MISC HEALTH SERVICES